



# Aachua County

## Board of County Commissioners

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May 3, 2017

Mayor Lauren Poe  
 200 East University Avenue  
 Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Mayor Poe,

At the May 2, 2017, Aachua County Commission Special Policy meeting, the Commission discussed the prioritization of upcoming road projects. The discussion focused on NW 43rd Street, which was at the top of their priority list.

The following motion passed unanimously:

1. Direct staff to return with a new priority list for the Board to approve that excludes, for the time being, projects that are in whole or in part within the city limits of Gainesville.
2. Authorize the County Manager and Attorney to prepare a letter to the City of Gainesville indicating the Board's willingness to proceed with the two projects within the city limits of Gainesville on the condition that the City of Gainesville takes over the roads upon completion. The two roads are:
  - a. 16th Avenue - from NW 13th Street to NE 2nd Street (at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million) and,
  - b. NW 43rd Street - from Newberry Road to Highway 441 (at a cost of approximately \$7 million)
3. Proceed with Tower Road as the new number one priority.

The Commission would like nothing more than to move forward on these important road projects within the city limits. I look forward to your feedback on this issue.

Sincerely,

Ken Cornell, Chair  
 Aachua County Commission  
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